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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) payment system for paying for IPP services, said system comprising:

a plurality of IPP cards each having a unique identification code;
at least one data structure storing a plurality of records, where each record includes an identification code and a monetary amount, and where each record corresponds to one of the plurality of IPP cards, such that the identification code of a particular record corresponds to the unique identification code of a particular IPP card of the plurality of IPP cards; and

a processor for determining if the monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of an IPP service and for assigning a password to at least one identification code of at least one of the plurality of records, said processor further receiving only a password and facilitating payment of said IPP services by verifying whether said received password is assigned to said at least one identification code.

2. (Original) The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of IPP cards are prepaid.

3. (Original) The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the processor includes means for receiving instructions to deduct or add an amount from or to

a monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of records via a network.

4. (Original) The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the processor determines if the corresponding monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of a non-IPP service.

5. (Original) The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of IPP cards corresponds to a subscriber of said IPP payment system.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

13. (New) An method for facilitating payment for an electronic commerce transaction, said method comprising:

assigning a password to a unique identification code of a prepaid card;
receiving the password by the at least one computing device via the network;
verifying whether the received password corresponds to at least one identification code stored within at least one data structure, the at least one identification code including the unique identification code; and

facilitating payment for the electronic commerce transaction, if the received password corresponds to the unique identification code stored within the at least one data structure, by accessing at least one data structure for determining a monetary value corresponding to the prepaid card, such that payment is facilitated without a user transmitting the unique identification code of the prepaid card.

14. (New) The method according to Claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving instructions via the network to deduct or add an amount from or to a monetary amount corresponding to the prepaid card.

15. (New) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the step of facilitating further comprises the step of determining if a corresponding monetary amount corresponding to the prepaid card is sufficient for the payment of the electronic commerce transaction.

16. (New) A electronic commerce payment system comprising:
a plurality of prepaid cards each having a unique identification code;
at least one data structure storing a plurality of records, where each record includes an identification code and a monetary amount, and where each record corresponds to one of the plurality of prepaid cards, such that the identification code of a particular record corresponds to the unique identification code of a particular prepaid card of the plurality of prepaid cards; and
a processor for determining if the monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of prepaid cards is sufficient for the payment of an electronic commerce transaction and for assigning a password to at least one identification code of at least one of the plurality of records, said processor further receiving only a password and facilitating payment of said electronic commerce transaction by verifying whether said received password is assigned to said at least one identification code.